

REMARKS

Examiner Charles Cooley is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Office Interview on May 15, 2008.

The Interview Summary is believed to accurately reflect what was discussed during the Interview.

Reconsideration of the objections to the Drawings is hereby requested. The Drawings have been amended to include descriptive legends as suggested in the Office Action.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-8, 11-13 and 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bruning et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,299,353) in view of DE 33 25 566 is hereby requested. As stated in the Interview Summary, "A proposed Claim 1 was discussed. The claimed location of the elements on an outer periphery of the drum/centrifugal space defines over DE '566...". Claim 1 has been amended as proposed. Applicants assert that it would not be obvious to alter the location of the magnet poles of the '566 reference from their axial location to the outer periphery of the drum. Therefore, Claim 1 is considered to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 9, 10 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9, 10 and 14 have been so rewritten in independent form and are considered to be in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 16 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 17 and 18 are amended to change their dependencies.

Claims 2-7, 11-13, 15 and 17-21 depend from an allowable independent claim and are considered to be allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective independent claim and for their own limitations as well, and such is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the above, Claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17-21 and the Application are now in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (677/44545).

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure(s): Amendments to the Claims

Amendments to the Drawing (Replacement Sheet)

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